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"STATUS" OF ICE CREAM IS NEW PUZZLE

Send "When Is a Plate Not a Plate?" Riddle to Roper for Answer.

"When is a plate of ice cream not a plate of ice cream?" This is the one big question that Washington ice cream manufacturers want an official answer to, and hundreds of inquiries from dealers here and in nearby States will be held up until Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of Internal Revenue, gives an answer. The ice cream dealers want to know all about the tax they are going to charge Mr. Consumer after May 1. They naturally write to the ice cream manufacturers about it. "We're waiting for an answer," declared Clarence Redmond, manager of the Chapin-Slack Company, today. "We can't advise the retail dealers just what a plate of ice cream is until we know from Mr. Roper officially. He will probably have the question ready for us in a few days."

"When Is Ice Cream?" "When is a plate of ice cream not a plate of ice cream?"—that is the question," said E. H. Daniel, manager of the Carry Ice Cream Company. "When Mr. Roper answers that question for us we'll be in a position to answer our retail men."

The revenue law provides that on every 10 cents worth of ice cream purchased 1 cent shall go to the Government as tax. This applies particularly to the cream dispensed at soda fountains, in soda and straight, but no explanation is made as to what constitutes a plate of ice cream. For instance, is a dime's worth of cream in a top-heavy soda a plate of ice cream or just a part of the drink? What kind of tax is the dealer going to put on such a purchase? The executive committee of the National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers drew up these fifteen points, which they will send to Mr. Roper for an official answer:

1.—What is a soda fountain?
2.—What is an ice cream parlor?
3.—Definition of similar places of business?
4.—(a) Are ice cream cones purchased at 5 cents or less at a store by children subject to the tax?
(b) When purchased at a baseball ground?

(c) When purchased at an amusement park or similar place?
5.—Are ice cream sandwiches, usually sold at stands and small places at 2 cents each or 5 cents each, subject to the tax?
6.—Are slices of ice cream wrapped in tissue or parchment paper and usually sold at fair grounds, amusement parks or candy stores, subject to the tax?

7.—Is ice cream purchased at a cafeteria or cafe as part of a meal, subject to the tax?
8.—Is a dish of ice cream or an ice cream soda served in the tearoom of a department store or similar establishment in connection with an order of wafers or a sandwich, and ice cream being far removed from the soda fountain, subject to the tax?

9.—Is ice cream sold at a church social, dance or entertainment and consumed on the premises where sold, subject to the tax?
10.—Is ice cream purchased in connection with a sandwich or other articles of food at a soda fountain or candy store, subject to the tax?

11.—(a) If a table d'hôte meal is served at a fixed price at a hotel, cafe, luncheon, or candy store, and ice cream is served as a dessert, is it subject to the tax?
(b) If so, how can sale price be calculated?

12.—If ice cream under questions 7, 8, 10, and 11 is subject to a tax, should separate checks be made out?
13.—Is ice cream given free with a meal subject to a tax?

14.—Are slices of ice cream sold from wagons or carts traveling the streets subject to a tax?
15.—Will a uniform method of applying the tax be adopted by your office, and, if so, what method will be employed?

W. B. & A. TO BUILD \$500,000 TERMINAL

The contract for the \$500,000 Washington terminal of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railway will be let this summer, according to a statement issued today by President Bishop of the company in Baltimore. The terminal will be built on the south side of New York avenue northwest, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. The plans provide for the erection of two buildings, one for freight and one for passenger traffic. The latter will serve as the Washington office of the W. B. & A. and for the passenger station. The buildings will be of brick with steel trussed roof and thoroughly fireproof. According to the plans, the track at the terminal will form a loop, entering and departing by way of New York avenue.

Can Two 17-Year-Old Boys Drink 50 Gallons Of Cider in Two Hours?

Can two seventeen-year-old boys drink fifty gallons of cider in two hours?

This was the question Justice Allen, of Vienna, Va., had to decide when John Ruckert and Earl Miller, of Oakton, were taken before him on a charge of theft.

The boys were seen leaving an old building owned by William Hite, of Oakton. Hite had them arrested when he missed fifty gallons of cider he stored there three years ago.

Testimony, however, showed that when the boys left the building they had nothing in their hands but their coats. Witnesses said that the boys did not appear to have had twenty-five gallons each of cider.

The boys said they went to the building to shoot craps and knew nothing of the cider. They paid the costs, \$3 each.

TEACHERS TO GET ANSWER THIS WEEK

The formal answer of the Board of Education to the demands of the teachers' unions of Washington for a public hearing will be made this week, George E. Hamilton, president of the board, told The Times today.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that a special meeting of the Board of Education will be called soon to frame the answer.

While the president of the board refused to state whether the teachers' request will be granted, it is now believed by members of the unions that the hearing will be given. "Public opinion has swung to the support of the teachers since the meeting of the Board of Education last Wednesday," said Miss Alice Deal, president of the High School Teachers' Union, today. "While we have been told that the board would refuse to grant us a hearing, we believe that the members have decided on a change of policy, because of developments during the past few days."

"It is enigmatical as to whether the Board of Education will grant all of the demands of the teachers, which include a hearing for Miss Alice Wood, who was suspended for her handling of economic questions."

Miss Deal and Miss Clara Stutz, president of the Grade School Teachers' Union, are engaged in making a history of the case of Miss Wood to place before the public this week.

ANTE-"DRY" DAYS REVIVED IN COURT

Police Court today gave the appearance of the days before prohibition.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Kingold Hart filed informations at the opening of court this morning in four cases of selling liquor and seven cases of drunkenness.

A Saturday night not many months back usually meant the cells in the various stations crowded with prisoners. Last Saturday, the police said, reminded them of the pre-prohibition days.

Within an hour three arrests for selling liquor and four for drunkenness were booked at the various stations.

Police of the Fourth precinct, ever on the alert for bootleggers, arrested John Smothers, 306 C street; Mary Stewart, 471 School street, and Daniel Green, 203 First street, all colored, and they were locked up charged with selling whiskey.

The Second precinct arrested eight persons charged with intoxication, while three persons were arrested in the Fourth precinct, two in the Sixth precinct, two in the First precinct, and two in the Ninth precinct.

Minors, lunatics, and convicts have no voice in the District of Columbia.

WOULD CLOSE DOWNTOWN'S DANCE HALLS

Police Captain Flather Says All in His Precinct Should Be Shut Up at Once.

All public dance halls in downtown Washington should be closed for the moral betterment of the city.

This is the opinion of Carl E. Flather, captain of No. 1 police station, given before a hearing in the board room of the District Building today.

Harry O. White, proprietor of the New York Conservatory of Dancing, at 506 Ninth street northwest, and the Rathskeller, Eighth and E streets northwest, applied several days ago for a license to continue to conduct a dance hall at the Rathskeller. Captain Flather refused to recommend to Wade H. Coombs, District superintendent of licenses, that the license be granted. A public hearing was called for today.

Women Known to Police. In testifying in regard to the Rathskeller dance hall, Captain Flather stated the hall was frequented by women known to the police.

"Dance halls in downtown Washington," Captain Flather said, "are a nuisance. I am not speaking of any place in particular, but of all places. If I had my way, all dance halls in my precinct would be closed."

Captain Flather told this to The Times today.

"It is a hard proposition to close these dance halls. It is necessary to have facts, and in some cases prosecutions are necessary to close public halls. I cite one dance hall—formerly on G street, near Ninth—which it took the police two years to close. Licenses cannot be refused owners of these places, unless we present facts which are hard to obtain."

"In these dance halls men and women, well known to the police, are frequent visitors."

Testifies Against Hall. Mrs. Sarah V. Farling, former policeman, testified against the hall at Eighth and E streets northwest. Others who testified were Captain Flather, Sergeant John T. Wittig, and several dancing instructors at the Rathskeller.

The District Commissioners will be called upon to decide whether Mr. White shall be granted a license to conduct a public dance hall at Eighth and E streets northwest.

CONG. LUNN'S SON DOUBTBOY FOR DAY

After being a regular soldier for a day and a night—eating army grub, sleeping in a barracks bunk, in every thing—Raymond Lunn, the ten-year-old son of Congressman George R. Lunn, of New York, is today at his home, 1824 Biltmore street northwest, taking things easy.

Ray left home on Saturday afternoon for Camp Meade, Md., to meet a captain friend and bring him home for Sunday dinner. His captain friend had gone to New York and Ray had to be content to play with the doughboys, which he did. When he tried to telephone to his dad and let him know that he would not be home on Saturday night, he was told that the phone was for Government use only—so he concluded that it was all right to stay anyway. He did.

The meantime his father was trying his best to locate the boy, and a "lookout" was sent over Meade for Ray. The big camp was searched from end to end and just after taps the boy was found in bed in the doughboys' barracks.

Ray returned home yesterday after one great time at Meade, and today he can give you a good lecture on "Why Boys Should Not Leave Home." The author of the lecture is Congressman Lunn.

Drinks Poison, Turns On Six Gas Jets, Then Girl Prays Until End

Miss Loretta Kennedy, twenty-five-year-old daughter of a well-to-do merchant of Toronto, Canada, lies dead from the effects of illuminating gas and a bottle of carbolic acid in the District morgue today.

Miss Kennedy was found in a room on the third floor of 1917 Fourteenth street northwest yesterday afternoon. Evidently she prayed to the last. On the table just three feet away was a purse. In it was 49 cents. Beside the purse was an empty bottle of carbolic acid. Six gas jets in different parts of the room were turned on.

Cause Is Mystery. Dr. J. Ramsay Nevitt, District coroner, said she had been dead about six hours when found at 2:30 in the afternoon. He issued a certificate of suicide. The cause of the girl's act is a mystery.

Disappears On Way To Tell Police Of Receipt Of Blackmail Missive

The police were today without a clue in the search for Thaddeus C. DeVall, automobile accessory dealer at Nicholls avenue and W street, Anacostia, who disappeared from his home, in Congress Heights, Saturday night.

He left his home to report to the police the receipt of an anonymous letter, demanding the payment of \$500 under penalty of death.

DeVall carried a revolver with him, a weapon that had been in the house for a year. It had never been used. The automobile accessory dealer had worried a great deal over the receipt of the note, according to the story told the police by his wife today. He did not show her the message, she declared.

It demanded payment of "\$500 upon demand under pain of death," Mrs. DeVall knows, she said, because her husband read that much of the note to her.

Neither the missing man's wife, nor his mother, Mrs. J. W. Van Sise, who lives in Nicholls avenue, Congress Heights, has seen him since he disappeared. DeVall's voluntary disappearance. They believe he was held up and robbed.

DeVall, according to the description furnished the police, is twenty-four years of age five feet and nine inches in height, and weighs about 145 pounds. He was smoothly shaven and has light hair. He wore a brown suit and a soft felt hat when he left home.

The missing man has two children, Thaddeus Charles, aged three years, and Franklin Avery, aged six months.

The police today sent out descriptions of DeVall to the police of cities within a radius of 300 miles of Washington.

BEATEN WITH RAZOR STRAP, WIFE SAYS

He "beat her with a razor strap until she was black and blue" alleges Mrs. Lucy Fico in her suit for limited divorce against Antonio Fico, which she filed today. Her husband, she says, conducts a barber shop at 299 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and has a "violent temper."

At one time, alleges the wife, who is represented by Attorneys J. Wilton Lambert and Rudolph H. Yeatman, her husband threw a brick at her, and at another she was compelled "to flee in her night clothes on account of his ill treatment of her." Fico, she says, always carries a blackjack and revolver, and has threatened her life numerous times, saying on one occasion "he would clean up the whole bunch."

The wife alleges her husband also treats the children with extreme cruelty, at one time striking their older daughter in the mouth, knocking her front teeth out.

DISTRICT GUARDSMEN TO GET FOURTH STRIPE SOON

The fourth service stripe will soon be added to the left arm of officers and enlisted men of the army, navy, and marine corps who have served in the war since its beginning.

April 6, two years ago, the United States went to war with Germany.

The four service stripes each represent six months war service. District Guardsmen, drafted into Federal service at this time last year, will be among those to add another service stripe.

Miss Kennedy's sister, Miss Florence Kennedy, has been doing war work in Washington. She is living at 1434 Harvard street northwest.

"My sister," Miss Kennedy told The Times today, "came to Washington from Canada three weeks ago. Several years ago she completed a college course. She was too proud to work, and at home became melancholy because she could not find anything to occupy her time. I had her come to Washington. I thought the change in environment would do her good. When she came she took a room on Fourteenth street. I took her out every night. How she occupied her time during the day I do not know. She did not work. Several days ago I offered her \$50. She refused it."

Landlady Finds Her. The girl was discovered dead in her room by the landlady. John Jenkins, traffic policeman at Fourteenth and U streets northwest, was called. He found the girl sitting as if asleep in the rocking chair.

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"We cannot afford to run any more risks," said Mr. Hollister, "although yesterday's motorists were the most orderly and law-abiding I have ever seen."

WASHINGTON AVIATORS' CLUB WILL GIVE DANCE

The first annual dance of the Washington Aviators' Club will be held at Wardman Park Inn on the night of April 23. Scores of officers of the army, navy, and marine corps have accepted invitations.

The dance committee is made up of Lieutenant Gude, chairman, and Lieut. Koch, C. C. Jones, Schmidt, Chilton, Sullivan, and Leger.

The Washington Aviators' Club is made up of District men who have held commissions as aviators. The object is to foster interest in aviation and to aid flyers who have become incapacitated in the line of duty.

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SECOND THEFT ADMITTED BY MRS. CALLILY

Willard Hotel Maid, Who Stole \$15,000 Gems, Admits Stealing Ring and Mirror Also.

Evidence that Mrs. Marion Agnes Callily, the former Willard Hotel maid, who pleaded guilty in Police Court today to stealing gems valued at \$18,000 from former Senator Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia, also committed another robbery and possibly several big thefts has been found by the police.

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ADMITS SHE STOLE \$15,000 GEMS



MRS. MARION AGNES CALLILY, An Englishwoman, formerly a trusted maid at the Willard Hotel, who today pleaded guilty to the theft of \$15,000 worth of jewelry from the room of former Senator Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia, president of the Continental Trust Company, of this city.

500 D. C. TAILORS GO OUT ON STRIKE

A disagreement between the merchant tailors of Washington and their employees, which started last Thursday, today developed into a full-fledged strike.

Five hundred tailors refused to work. Fourteen tailoring establishments are idle as a result; not a stitch of work is being done, in spite of the pre-Easter rush for spring suits.

Furthermore, the strike threatens to develop into a protracted deadlock, for the merchant tailors declared today they were prepared to hold out indefinitely against the demand of the union for an increase in the wage scale and its opposition to the addition of an extra work hour to the eight-hour day.

President Henry Kaufman, of the Merchant Tailors' Exchange, called a meeting of the merchant tailors at noon today, but declined to make a statement.

One of the merchant tailors, however, told The Times that the merchants considered the demands of the union exorbitant, and that the Merchant Tailors' Exchange was prepared to fight the strikers to the limit.

The strikers themselves say they have walked out because the merchant tailors attempted to cut their wages and increase the hours of employment. They claim their agreement reached between the firms and the workers last October. This agreement, they say, expired on April 1. Practically all the firms, the strikers charge, refuse to renew on the same terms.

GOOD GIRL LONELY, PASTOR TELLS WHY

"It is good for a girl to be highly respected, but sometimes it is highly lonesome," according to the Rev. Dr. Earle Wilfong, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, who, in his sermon yesterday, said that the men claim to like the plain, modest girl, but that they don't take her out.

"Instead," he said, "they go out with the painted and powdered cigarette-smoking girl."

"The modern young woman is capable of holding any job which the modern young man has," said the pastor, and there is no reason why she should take a sensual, drunken, tobacco fiend for a husband. Men write complaining of modern young women, but they are themselves for the most part nothing but white-washed sepulchres. They lack strength and character."

"Mr. Simpson states that the present agitation seems principally directed against six of the large milk dealers in the city, while to my personal knowledge about all the dealers of any size have received unlicensed milk or cream during the shortage of supply, and asks 'why this discrimination?' In reply to this statement the record of the Health Department shows that prosecutions are now pending against thirteen different dealers and not six, as stated by Mr. Simpson."

Working For Public.

"I wish to state, as I have on a former occasion, that the Health Officer is endeavoring to secure for the people of Washington the very best and cleanest milk supply at the lowest possible price with a fair profit to the producer, and is not particularly interested in the producer or the distributor. His whole thought in every action taken by him in this matter is with a view to benefiting the public."

ROBBED OF PURSE.

William Sherer, of 1340 New Jersey avenue northwest, has reported to the police that his purse containing \$15 was removed from his pocket while he was walking near his home last night.

FORCED LAYS PROTECTOR TO MILK MEN

Says Dealers Forced Down Price to Farmers, But Didn't Lower Charge to Public.

Charges that several District milk dealers forced down the wholesale price of milk, while maintaining the retail prices at the old level, were made in a statement issued today by Dr. William C. Fowler, District health officer.

Dr. Fowler also charged that objection was made to the recent reduction in the price of milk, "because the people of Washington were perfectly willing to pay 17 cents a quart for it," and that some milk dealers in Washington sold dried milk products for fresh milk.

Seven More Warrants. The charges preferred by Dr. Fowler came coincident with a statement by the health department that seven more warrants had been issued against dealers accused of selling unlicensed milk. The warrants are now in the hands of Assistant Corporation Counsel W. W. Wahly, and will be served immediately, according to Dr. Fowler.

Dr. Fowler's charges were made as a result of a statement by W. A. Simpson, president and manager of the Walker-Hill Dairy, which appeared in advertisements on Sunday.

Dr. Fowler's Charges. Dr. Fowler's statement, including the charges, follows: "In the daily public press of the 6th instant, certain statements were made by Mr. W. A. Simpson, president and manager of the Walker-Hill Dairy, relative to 'unlicensed milk.' In this advertisement, among other things, Mr. Simpson makes the following statement: 'It has been the policy of the Maryland and Virginia milk producers to antagonize the shipping of milk from Pennsylvania and New York, in order to secure for themselves a monopoly in supplying Washington with milk at their price, and it is largely due to this tendency that milk prices are still higher in Washington than in other States.' He further states that 'had it not been for milk from Pennsylvania and New York during the influenza epidemic, the price of milk would have been shortly fully 50 cent of its needed supply.'"

The Health Department does not know of any efforts being made by the Maryland and Virginia producers to prevent the shipment of milk from Pennsylvania and New York into Washington, nor does it know what efforts they have made to increase the price of milk in this city. It does know, however, that certain dairymen in Washington notified their producers in the first part of March of this year that the price of milk from the producer to the dairyman would be 4 cents less per gallon than previously paid; that this 4 cent price was actually deducted from the amount paid by the dairyman to the producer, but the price to the consumer was still maintained at the former price of 17 cents per quart. From this it can be seen that while the dairy farmer received 4 cents less a gallon for his product, the dairyman in this city sold the milk at the same price as the milk sold to the consumer."

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